For these questions you have to choose two words, from a group of five words, which do not fit into the group of three. These two words you will select may be associated, in some way, but these ones are considered the odd ones out.

Whatever words you have left over, you must make sure these words can be grouped by association and/or categorised.

E.g. from the example questions, Question a) will have three names of counties leftover and the words remaining for Question b) will all represent a version of something small.

Example of an 11+ question
Which two words are the odd ones out?

a) Wales, Yorkshire, Cornwall, Nottingham and Devon
b) minute, vast, tiny, miniscule and huge

Answers for a) Wales and Nottingham
Answers for b) minute and vast

Tips

These 11+ Verbal Reasoning questions sometimes will ask you select one odd one out word (from a group of four or five) as opposed to choosing two so always double check the question!

Variation

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Remember to identify both:
- The relationship between the odd ones out
- The link between the remaining three words leftover.

Subject: Verbal Reasoning
Topic: Odd One Out
Introduction: Choose two words, from a group of words, which represent the odds one out. The remaining three words should be linked, in someway.

Example: stop cease begin commence start

Answers: stop and cease

Questions

Q1  SNARL  GROWL  HOWL  HUSK  BARGE
Q2  TIPTOE  HASTE  HURRY  SLINK  SPRINT
Q3  UNWELL  SICKLY  STRONG  WELL  FIT
Q4  CRIMP  CRINKLE  FLATTEN  CRUMPLE  IRON
Q5  SLIM  SKINNY  SLIGHT  WIDE  EXTENSIVE
Q6  EGG  SUGAR  WAFER  BUTTER  BISCUIT
Q7  UPLOAD  STREAM  LAPTOP  TABLET  POST
Q8  BENDABLE  FLEXIBLE  HIDE  SECRET  SUPPLE
Q9  NARRATIVE  LIMERICK  POEM  SONNET  NOVEL
Q10 COMBINE  GROW  PORTION  DIVISION  FRAGMENT

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A1. HUSK and BARGE
A2. TIPTOE and SLINK
A3. UNWELL and SICKLY
A4. IRON and FLATTEN
A5. WIDE and EXTENSIVE
A6. WAFER and BISCUIT
A7. LAPTOP and TABLET
A8. SECRET and HIDE
A9. NARRATIVE and NOVEL
A10. COMBINE and GROW

Example of an 11+ Question
MOTORCYCLE
ROLLERBLADES
FOOTBALL
SHUTTLE-COCK
UNICYCLE
Answers: FOOTBALL and SHUTTLECOCK

Answers

A1. HUSK and BARGE
A2. TIPTOE and SLINK
A3. UNWELL and SICKLY
A4. IRON and FLATTEN
A5. WIDE and EXTENSIVE
A6. WAFER and BISCUIT
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So how did you do?
You can add your own text here.